



SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1909.

## SIX DIE IN BURNING HOUSE

Confederate Veteran and Five Children Perish.

### ONLY FOUR PERSONS ESCAPE

Occupants of the House Were Asleep When Flames Were Discovered, and It Was Impossible to Save Them. Their Bodies Were Burned to a Crisp.

As the result of a mysterious fire which totally destroyed the home of S. B. Hamlett, at South Boston, Va., five of his children and H. A. Strange, seventy-four years of age, were burned to death, and another child, aged four years, was seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett escaped unhurt.

The dead were: H. A. Strange, Vernie Hamlett, aged fourteen years; Beatrice Hamlett, aged seven years; Violet Hamlett, aged six years; Cecil Hamlett, aged three years, and Henry Hamlett, aged eighteen months.

The fire was discovered by neighbors. The occupants of the house were asleep, and the building was almost completely enveloped in flames. The roof was almost ready to fall in when Hamlett and his wife were aroused. They were on the fourth side of the house, and their four-year-old child was in the same room. They crawled out of the window on the front porch and dropped the child to the ground. Both of the child's arms were broken by the fall. The baby was also slightly burned and its face lacerated. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett reached the ground in safety.

When the fire was discovered it was impossible to save any of the older children or Mr. Strange. Mr. Strange was a Confederate veteran of Halifax county and came to South Boston to attend the Fourth of July celebration. The building collapsed and fell a few minutes after Hamlett and his wife escaped. The victims' bodies were burned to a crisp. When they were recovered from the debris they were merely an unrecognizable mass of bones.

Wright Aero Damaged in Fall. Resembling a giant bird swooping down upon its prey, the Wright aeroplane, after the motor which propels it had come suddenly to a standstill, glided gracefully to earth after having made two successful flights.

The machine was on its way around the Fort Myer drill grounds at Washington for the ninth time in its second flight when the motor stopped, sixty feet above the earth and exactly in the same place where the propeller blade broke last September which resulted in the fatal accident that terminated the trials at that time. In gliding to the earth the machine hit a tree and was swerved around with such force that the skids were broken and the right wing badly ripped. Mr. Wright was not hurt.

Killed by Cannon Cracker. The unenviable distinction of having made the most notable sacrifice to patriotism by reason of the independence day celebration for the year of 1909 will probably fall to Louisville, Ky., through the death at Seymour, Ind., of Arthur Granville Langham, former president of the Provident Life Insurance society. Mr. Langham never recovered from the effects of having had his right hand shattered by the explosion of a cannon cracker. A cannon cracker thrown lighted upon the lawn took to explode, and Mr. Langham took it into his hand and relighted it. The cracker burst in his grasp, mangled the hand frightfully. He was operated on at once, but never regained consciousness.

Tennessee Is "Dry." Bells in the church and the town clock steeples in Memphis, Tenn., on tolling the midnight hour marked the passing of saloons in Tennessee, for at that hour the Holladay state-wide prohibition law went into effect. This law makes it illegal to sell alcoholic beverages within four miles of any school house in the state. Only two cases are left in all Tennessee. Both are within twelve miles of Memphis, near the Mississippi state line. The nearest school house is six miles from both of these points, but steps have already been taken by white ribbons to have the county board of education erect a school house within the distance prescribed by the Holladay bill, so that there will be no mecca in the entire state for thirsty pilgrims.

Philippine Outlaws Annihilated. In a desperate fight near Patianan, on Joio island, in the Philippines, Jikiri, the famous Moro outlaw chief, was killed and his entire band exterminated by detachments of regulars and constabulary under Captain George L. Byram, of the Sixth United States cavalry, operating in conjunction with a naval flotilla of the mosquito fleet under Lieutenant Commander Signor. The American loss was one private killed and three officers and twenty enlisted men and one sailor wounded.

Bursting Cannon Kills Three. During a celebration in Reservoir

park, at Camden, N. J., a cannon exploded, a piece of which killed Mrs. Emma Hebel, aged twenty-five years, and her six-week-old infant in her arms. Both of their skulls were crushed. Charles Nullian, seventeen years old, had the top of his head torn off and died in a hospital. The cannon was in charge of George Houser, aged nineteen years. He was badly injured about the body and had one arm badly mangled. The killed and injured except Houser were outside the ropes at the time of the accident. The celebration was being given under the auspices of the various patriotic societies of the city.

Friend of Boy Killed by Policeman. While on his way to the magistrate's office at Frederick, Md., with Frank Cahill, fifteen years of age, Policeman William Orrison, Jr., of Brunswick, was intercepted by friends of the lad and dealt a terrific blow on the side of his head with his club and killed.

Without warning Orrison's club was jerked from his hand, and in an instant he was dealt a terrific blow on the side of his head. As he fell unconscious to the ground the crowd dispersed. Orrison died without regaining consciousness, the force of the blow mashing in his skull.

Joseph Wood, aged twenty-four years, was arrested and charged with having killed Orrison.

Ketchel Outpoints Papke. Stanley Ketchel, of Michigan, is still the middle-weight champion of the world. In a desperate, gruelling battle, during which the champion was constantly on the aggressive, he was awarded the decision over Billy Papke, of Illinois, in San Francisco, at the end of the twentieth round, the scheduled number. Ketchel claimed to have broken his right hand in the sixth round, and this assertion subsequently was verified. His left thumb also was dislocated. The decision of the referee was greeted with a mixture of cheers and boos.

Killed by Train's Suction. While he was standing close by the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Hagerstown, Md., watching a passenger train pass, six-year-old Ralph King was unable to withstand the suction produced by a rapidly moving train and was drawn against the rear coach. The lad's skull was crushed and death ensued in less than an hour.

Family Portraits Buried With Her. At her dying request the oil portraits of her father, mother, brother, two sisters and herself were buried with Miss Sarah E. Maurice, aged ninety-three years, in Mount Olivet cemetery at Massillon, O. She was the last of the old Maurice family, famous years ago on Long Island and in New York city. The pictures were about all left of a once large fortune.

Aeronaut Falls 200 Feet. "Hurry up, doctor; I have another ascension to make soon," said H. W. Palmer, of Oneonta, N. Y., to a hospital physician in Philadelphia after having been severely injured in a 200-foot fall from a defective parachute. His right leg was broken and he was out about the head, besides being hurt internally. Physicians say he will recover.

Zeppelin to Try to Reach North Pole. According to the Lokai Anzeiger of Berlin, Germany, Count Zeppelin intends to make an effort to reach the North Pole in his airship. The plan embraces a thorough exploration of the polar regions by means of a Zeppelin airship before undertaking to reach the pole.

Sleeping Child Killed by Reaper. While driving his harvester through his field, near Ural, Okla., John Nichols, a well to do farmer, ran over his little daughter, killing her instantly. The child had walked into the wheat and fallen asleep. Not until the father had driven twice around the field did he discover the child's body.

Easton Man Convicted of Murder. A special dispatch received at Easton, Pa., from Reno, Nev., tells of the conviction here of murder in the first degree of Charles C. Petty, formerly of this city. In March last Petty shot his wife at Sparks, Nev., because he was jealous of her.

Coloring of Stocking Kills Woman. Mrs. Phoebe Clayton, of Freehold, N. J., a widow, thirty years old, is dead at Long Branch of blood poisoning caused by dye in her stocking. Her leg was broken in an accident, and some of the dye got into a wound. The amputation of her right leg failed to save her.

United States Deficit \$89,811,156. The treasury department shows the government receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30 has been \$604,432,846. The disbursements aggregated \$694,244,002, making a deficit for the year of \$89,811,156.

No Night Saloons in Omaha. The 263 saloons in Omaha, Neb., unanimously obeyed the daylight closing law. With the passing of the night saloon the "free lunch" was also dispensed with.

Alligator Crushes Woman's Arm. "Princess Silvi," an alligator trainer, said to be an American, was attacked by a Florida alligator in the presence of a big crowd at Luna park in Paris. Her right arm is crushed.

Noted Woman Lawyer Dead. Philadelphia, June 30.—Mrs. Carrie Burnham Kilgore, the first woman to be admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, died in Swarthmore. She was a familiar figure in Philadelphia courts, and had a large practice.

## ALDRICH ASSAILS INCOME TAX

Says It Is Meant as a Rebuke to the Supreme Court.

### LIVELY DEBATE IN THE SENATE

Rhode Island Senator Declares He Favors the Corporation Tax as a Means of Defeating the Income Tax. Bailey Charges Aldrich With Presenting a Subterfuge.

Washington, June 30.—The income tax and the proposed tax on corporations formed the subject of a lively debate in the senate, Senator Aldrich, in reply to questions, admitting that he favored the tax on corporations as a means of defeating the income tax. This admission, coming from the chairman of the committee on finance, stirred up the Democrats.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, started the trouble. He paid his respects to the chairman of the committee on finance, the session Mr. Aldrich had told the senate and the country that the tariff bill he was then reporting would raise sufficient revenues to sustain the government. If Mr. Aldrich's statement was true, and still holds true now, Mr. Clay wanted to be informed whether Senator Aldrich would not consent to again turning to a revision of the tariff in order to reduce revenues from that source which, it was admitted, would now be yielded by the tax on corporations.

In the course of the debate Senator Aldrich made the startling statement that the proposal of an income tax was intended as a rebuke to the supreme court of the United States. He declared emphatically that the Bailey income tax amendment was held to be unconstitutional by the most thoughtful people. "Not the most thoughtful people," exclaimed Senator Bailey, "but the least thoughtful."

Another statement made by Senator Aldrich attracted attention. The tax on corporations was proposed as a temporary measure, he said. It would raise revenues to meet deficiencies that were generally admitted would exist for the next few years. "The tax act may then be repealed when it has served its purpose," he said.

The Democratic senators kept driving it home that Senator Aldrich had admitted that he favored the new tax merely as a means of defeating the income tax measure.

"Then this proposition about income before the senate is a subterfuge," said Mr. Bailey.

"It is not a subterfuge," returned Mr. Aldrich.

"If it is not a subterfuge in view of the statement of the senator from Rhode Island that he favored it as a means of side-tracking the income tax then I need a new dictionary," retorted Senator Bailey.

### TRIED TO WRECK PAY TRAIN

Boy Placed Spikes on Track Near Frackville, Pa. Pottsville, Pa., June 30.—Charged with attempting to wreck the Philadelphia & Reading railway pay train between Frackville and Wetherill junction, Harold Gunner, aged fourteen years, was held in heavy ball here. It is alleged the boy placed two spikes on the track, but they were split by another train.

Farmer Killed Mowing Grass. While Herbert B. Loose, twenty-four years of age, a farmer of near Hamburg, Pa., was mowing grass with a machine, his horses ran away. His arms and body were so badly lacerated that he died in death.

Bull Fighter Killed. Alfredo Sanchez, a bull fighter, was killed at the bull ring in Mexico City, Mex., by a bull that knocked Sanchez down and hooked one horn into his body, penetrating a lung.

Pin Prick Causes Death. Picking up a little child playing in the street on his way home from his work at Pottsville, Pa., James Wentzell, aged thirty-eight years, a Philadelphia & Reading fireman, living in a suburb of this place, pricked a finger of his left hand on a stickpin in his dress. Blood poisoning resulted. Surgeons could not allay the poison's progress and death resulted.

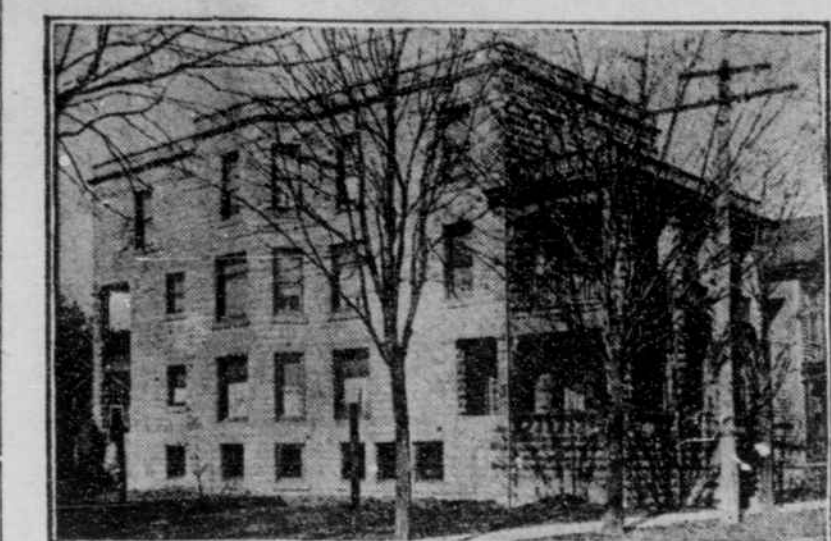
Motor Cyclist Killed. While he was returning from Atlantic City on a motor cycle, Fred Seltzer, aged twenty years, of Vineland, N. J., collided with an Atlantic City express train near Mays Landing, N. J., and was instantly killed. His body was picked up by the crew of another train and removed to an undertaker's at Mays Landing.

Murdered While Kneeling in Prayer. While J. E. Moser, aged forty-seven, was kneeling in prayer in church near Chicago, Tex., Roy E. Burnham, aged nineteen, his son-in-law, rose in his pew and fired three shots at Moser, killing him instantly. Burnham's wife, who had recently left him, was beside her father when the shooting took place.

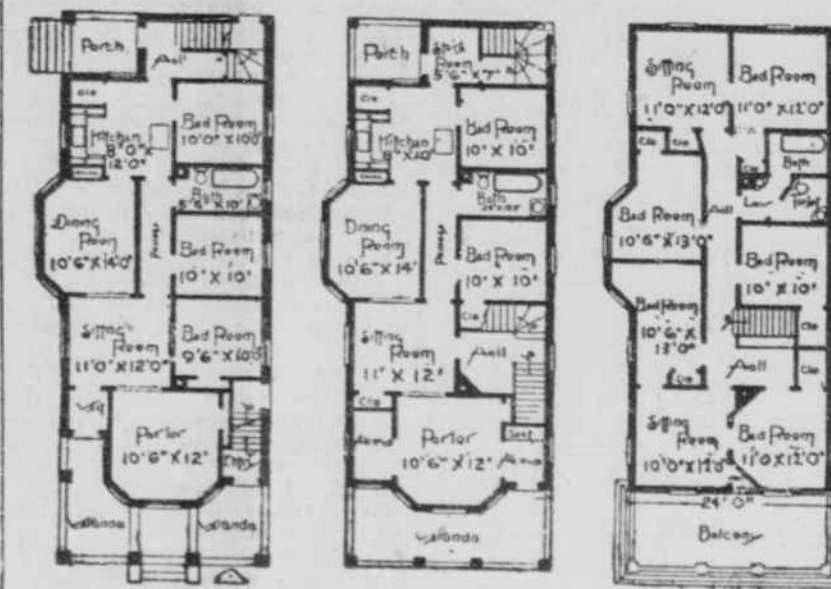
## Moderate Priced Flat.

Two Family Apartments and Two Suites—Cost In Concrete About \$8,000.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.



This design for a commodious apartment house is adapted to a narrow lot, the entire width, including bay, being but twenty-seven feet. The building has been constructed of concrete blocks at a cost of about \$7,000, exclusive of heating apparatus. The whole front, including veranda, may be colored brown sandstone. The side and rear walls left in the natural gray of the blocks, giving a pleasing variety to the perspective. The rooms are all of good size and well laid out. The third floor plan shows divides this story into two suits of two rooms each and three detached rooms for renting separately, but this floor can be arranged as a family flat similar to the second. If rented to several tenants the top floor would naturally be controlled by the occupants of the second floor.

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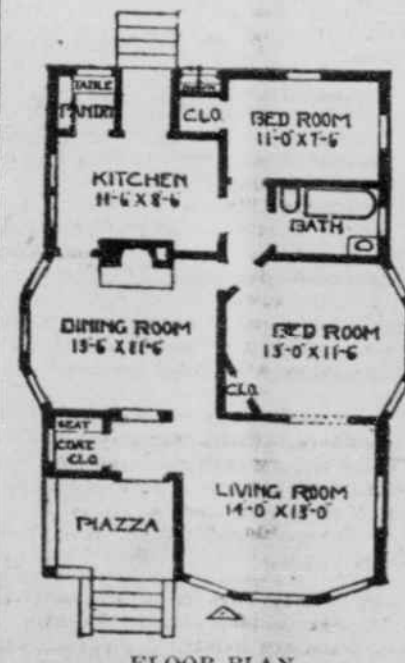
## Popular Type of Bungalow.

Rooms Carefully Planned—Architect Estimates Cost of Construction at About \$1,750.

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The one story bungalow is the pure type in the section of the country where this kind of structure was first adopted. In other sections, however, particularly in the north, the addition of perhaps a story or half story often robs the name of its original significance. A dwelling house which contains two stories or even a story and a half, fitted and finished throughout for living purposes, is never spoken of as a bungalow by people familiar with the original type, no matter what the general outline may be. To dwellers in towns and cities who have grown accustomed to life in an upstairs and downstairs bungalow, where all of the living rooms are close to the ground, seems more desirable than the two story or even the story and a half dwelling, with the inevitable and back torturing stairs to be ascended scores of times each day. All in all the bungalow holds out the promise of luxury in living even though its nearness to the ground and to nature and freedom from architectural pretense suggest a home of simplicity. Even in cold latitudes people have arranged their bungalows for use all the year round and taken solid comfort with half the house literally snowed in. The plan here presented makes the best possible use of the space enclosed and provides accommodations for a good sized family. There is a large basement provided for under the rear portion. The width is twenty-four feet and the length thirty-eight feet, which includes the side and front bays. Ceiling nine feet in the clear. Inside finish throughout of Washington fir. The floor and ceiling of the piazza to be No. 1 clear Washington fir. Exclusive of plumbing and heating fixtures this bungalow can be constructed for about \$1,750.

GLENN L. SAXTON, Architect.

Different. "Do you mean to tell me that you could conscientiously go on the witness stand and swear that you had never tried to deceive your wife?" "That is not what I said; I said I had never deceived her."

Asking Too Much. "Why don't those two old sea captains you are so fond of, get some

Fresh stories instead of telling the same old tales?" "My dear, you should not expect anything fresh from old salts."

Fine Acting. "That man would be a star if he would go on the stage." "What makes you think he can act?" "He's a married man and yet he acts happy."

## COLORED SKIN MADE LIGHTER.

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## BLACKMAIL WAS CAUSE OF MURDER

Jury Renders Compromise Verdict in Woodill Crime.

### NEW OF HER PAST LIFE

Authorities Believe That Mrs. Woodill Threatened to Expose Eastman, and In Fear of Serving a Prison Term He Killed Her.

With the compromise verdict of the coroner's jury at St. Michaels, Md., that Robert E. Eastman either killed her or was an accessory to the murder of Edith May Woodill, and the declaration of State's Attorney Taylor that he was through with the case, the strange dual tragedy which has for nearly a week focussed the eyes of the entire country upon this little out of the way hamlet of Maryland's famous eastern shore became a closed incident.

Four of the twelve jurors who listened to the testimony at the reopened inquest refused to sign the verdict until the words "for accessory to the crime" were added to the draft which, approved by the majority, bluntly accused Eastman of the murder. None of the four dissenting jurymen would say that any other person than Eastman was responsible for the girl's death. They merely wished to protest, they said, against the manner in which the inquiry was conducted, declaring that much available evidence was not adduced.

There was no evidence to show that anyone but Eastman and his victim were in the bungalow.

And the final theory of the authorities is this: That Eastman was in need of money; that he probably had been getting money from Mrs. Woodill for some time; that he undoubtedly knew some thing of her past life, and that he had been blackmailing her; that he attempted to continue this practice and that the woman rebelled, intimating that she, too, had found out certain things about Eastman, and that if driven to it would expose him.

Eastman's dread of serving a term in the penitentiary is well known. His wife has said that he told her he would rather commit suicide than be confined in prison. The pawning of the jewelry the authorities set down to the desire of Eastman to get away. When cornered the man decided that his race had been run and that he had better make an end to it all. As to why Mrs. Woodill went to the bungalow there was no evidence.

Letter Tells of Alleged Ory. A letter found upon Eastman's body, addressed to Miss Winnie Bradcome in New York, gave Eastman's ill-sustained excuse for the crime. It was a rambling account of how he had been out in a launch with a party of men and women, all of whom had been drinking to excess with the exception of himself and Mrs. Woodill; of how one of the women in a fit of jealous frenzy had attacked Mrs. Woodill with a wine bottle and killed her; how the remainder of the party had taken to flight, leaving him to dispose of the body, and how as a means of escape from all of his troubles the writer had decided to end his life. Eastman asked Miss Bradcome to hurry to Maryland to take charge of his body and his property. Miss Bradcome is Eastman's wife. They were married in 1908, and lived together only a week.

Israel Durham Dies Suddenly. Israel W. Durham, Pennsylvania state senator from the Second Philadelphia district and former Republican leader of Philadelphia, died at his cottage, 211 Pacific avenue, Atlantic City. Death was due to Bright's disease. The end came in an uraemic convulsion, and it is thought that Mr. Durham's death was indirectly due to the intense heat, of which he had complained recently.

Shortly after talking over the telephone with friends in Philadelphia Mr. Durham uttered a low moan, his face paled and he tried to stagger to his feet. In an instant Mrs. Johnson, his sister, was at his side. She put her arms around her brother and cried out to him to speak. Durham tried to say something, but his frame shook, with what Dr. Walter A. Hickman,

who was summoned several moments later, said was a uraemic convulsion. With his sister supporting him, Senator Durham died without uttering a single word.

Mr. Durham was fifty-four years old and a bachelor. He was born in Philadelphia.

Hanged Self Before Helpless Husband. Deprived of the use of his limbs by paralysis, John Bennett was compelled to witness in helpless terror the deliberate suicide of his wife in Chicago. Unable to move a finger, he was able to shout, but none heard his cries.

Mrs. Bennett calmly placed a chair under a gas jet near her invalid husband's bed, and to the fixture tied a rope. Unheeding her husband's frantic screams, she affixed the noose and kicked the chair from under her feet. There she hung until life was extinct. Her husband at last exhausted by his cries, dumbly following with his eyes the slow turning of her form as the rope twisted and untwisted. This motion had ceased when the first neighbor happened in and discovered the tragedy.

Seventeen Dead in Mine Blast. As the result of an explosion of gas in mine No. 4 of the Lackawanna Coal and Coke Company at Wehrum, Pa., seventeen persons were killed and sixteen were injured. With the exception of one those killed were foreigners. With few exceptions those injured were Americans. A statement all would probably recognize.

Superintendent A. M. Johnson stated that while the mine has always been regarded as non-gaseous the explosion was due to the ignition of a pocket of gas by the open lamp of a miner.

The mine has only been operating two days each week, Tuesday and Friday. Those in the mine had entered the shaft for their daily allowance of coal for family use.

Mrs. Gould Gets Her Decree. After a trial which lasted nearly three weeks in New York, Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould has obtained a legal separation from her husband, Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould, by a decision of Justice Dowling in the supreme court. With the exception of alimony, her victory was complete, but in this phase of the case the court decided that \$36,000 a year was sufficient, although in her suit Mrs. Gould asked for \$250,000. She had been receiving \$25,000 a year from Mr. Gould, so that the amount fixed by the court is but a slight increase compared with the amount sued for.

Mine Worker Murdered For Pay. Patrick Grant, aged thirty-five years, was murdered on the outskirts of Mahanoy City, Pa., while on his way home from work. His body, which he received from work, is missing. Two stab wounds in the back of his head and a fractured skull told the story of his tragic death.

Miners passing that way saw Grant lying on the ground helpless and bleeding to death. He was hurried to the Ashland hospital, but died on the train before reaching there. Several men have been arrested by the police on suspicion.

Pillow Smothers Baby. Smothered to death between two pillows was the fate of Louise, the twelve-month-old baby of Herman Cunningham, of Danville, Va. The mother placed the sleeping child in a bed while she attended to her usual household duties.

The baby was sleeping between two pillows, across which was suspended a mosquito net. Mrs. Cunningham returned to the room an hour later and was horrified to find that one of the pillows, which had been elevated, had toppled over and that the baby was dead.

Big Snake Killed by Train. The biggest snake ever seen in the vicinity of Williamsport, Pa., outside of a cage was cut into three pieces by a train at Uteeter. It was of the black species. The pieces were placed end to end and the snake measured 14 feet, 7 inches. One day last week trackmen saw the reptile going through a hay field, its head raised two feet above the grass.

Coloring of Stocking Kills Woman. Mrs. Phoebe Clayton, of Freehold, N. J., a widow, thirty years old, is dead at Long Branch of blood poisoning caused by dye in her stocking. Her leg was broken in an accident, and some of the dye got into a wound. The amputation of her right leg failed to save her.